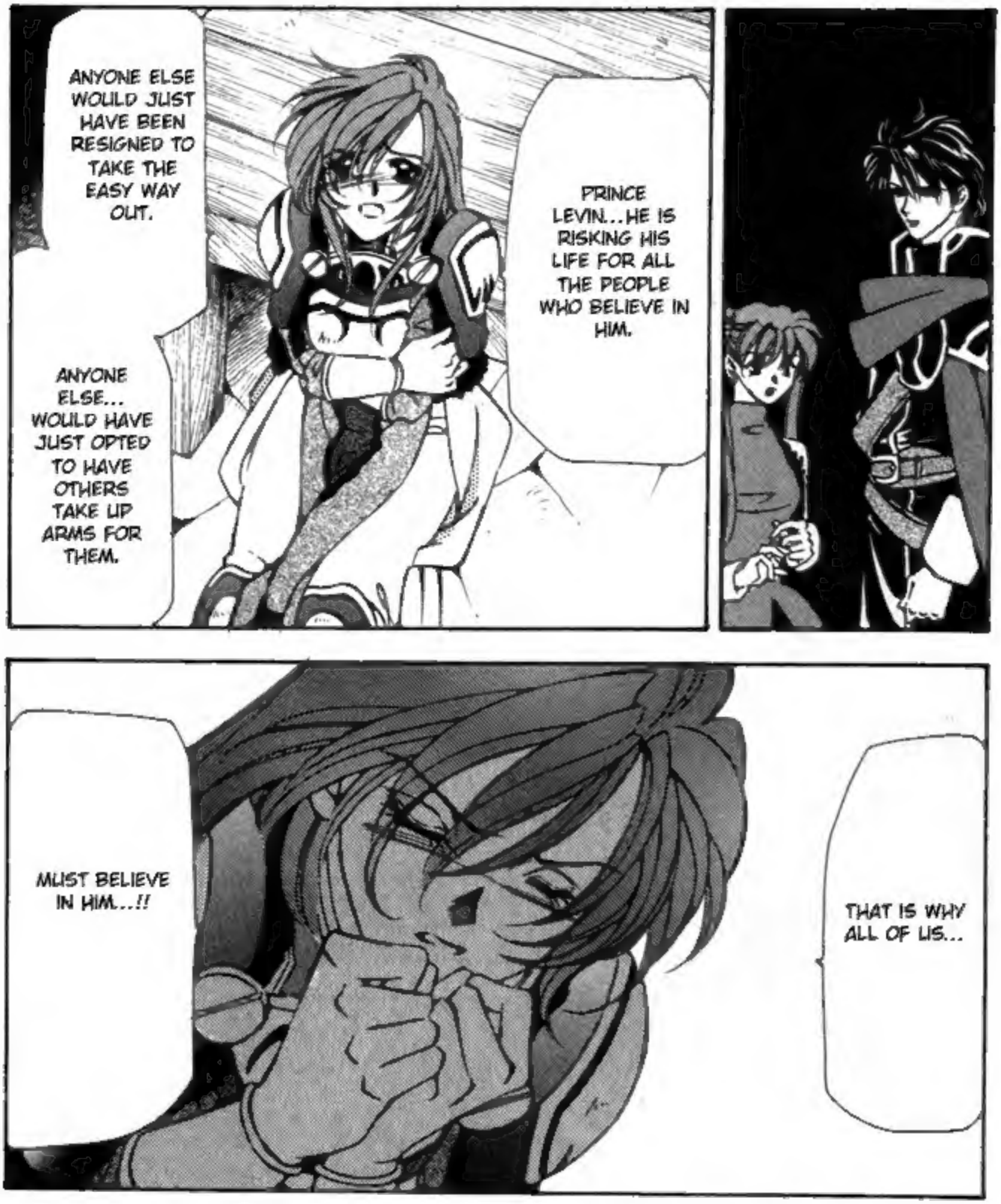
WHY WON'T YOU SEND THE TROOPS!?
LEVIN'S LIFE IS AT RISK!
SYL-VIA.
WHY?
IT CERTAINLY IS TRUE THAT IT IS VERY DANGEROUS OF HIM TO GO TO SILESIA TO TRY TO TALK TO THEM.
BUT, IF HE MADE THE DECISION TO GO, THERE IT MUST MEAN HE KNEW THE DANGERS OF IT.
IF I DISPATCH TROOPS TO GO AFTER HIM, IT WOULD JUST UNDERMINE HIS DECISION.
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER!?
HEY ...!!
WHY DOES THAT MATTER? HOW CAN YOU EVEN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?


ANYONE ELSE WOULD JUST HAVE BEEN RESIGNED TO TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT.
PRINCE LEVIN...HE IS RISKING HIS LIFE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM.
ANYONE ELSE... WOULD HAVE JUST OPTED TO HAVE OTHERS TAKE UP ARMS FOR THEM.
MUST BELIEVE IN HIM...!!
THAT IS WHY ALL OF US...
...I'M SORRY, SYLVIA.

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW...
DID YOU EVER REALIZE!? YOU TALK ABOUT SO MANY THINGS WITH HER THAT YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT WITH ME.
SO IT'S FURY YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH?

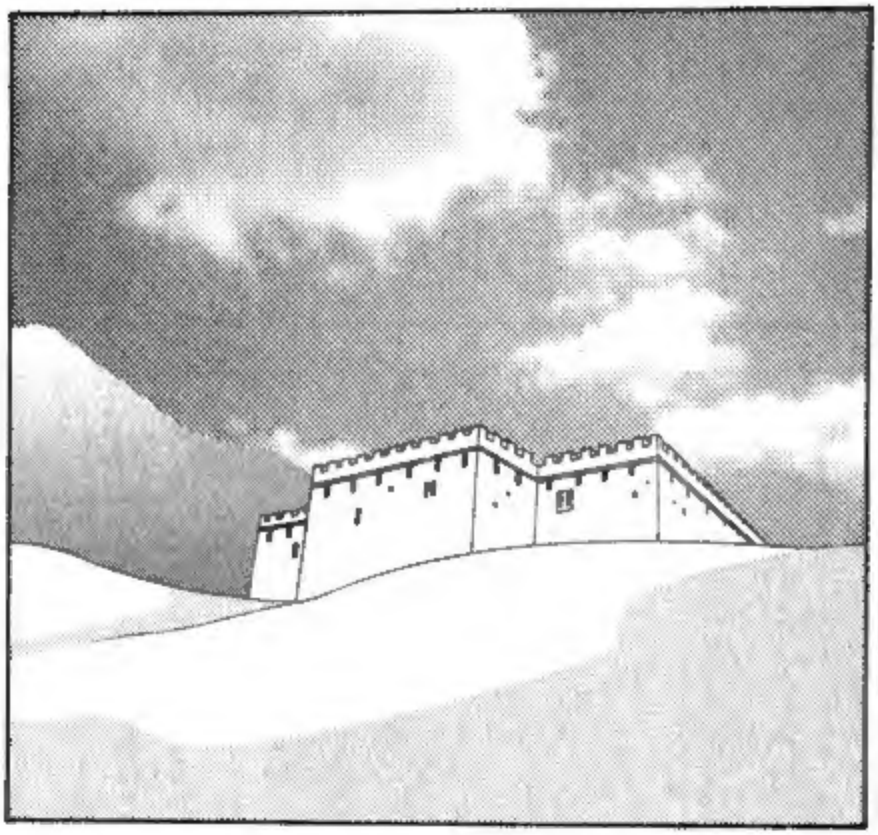
I DO LIKE YOU.
LEVIN...
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE "LIKE" THAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO.
I think...

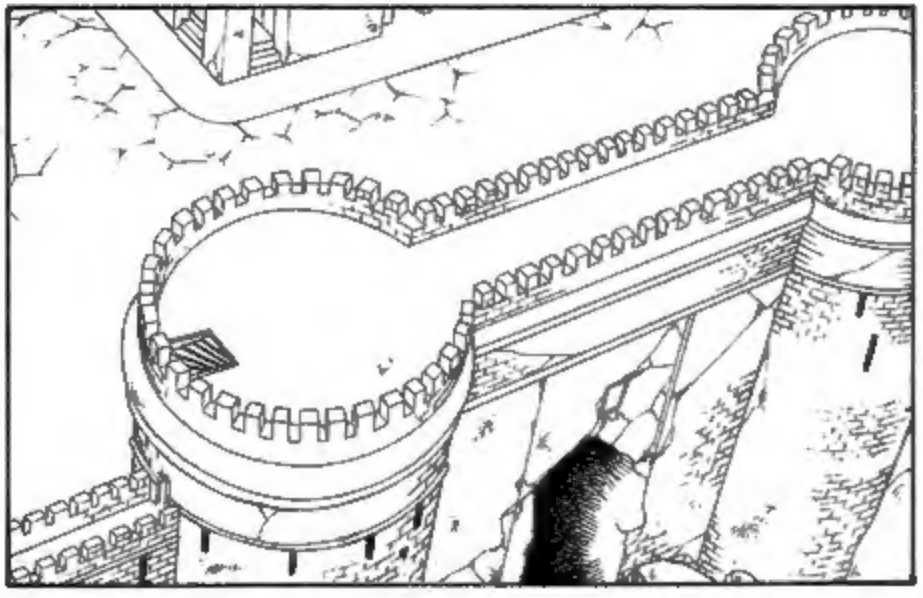
BESIDES, I THINK THE REASON I DISCUSS SO MANY THINGS WITH FURY...
SHE'S MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND!!
SHE'S SOMEONE I'VE GROWN TO KNOW AND TRUST.

MS. SYLVIA?

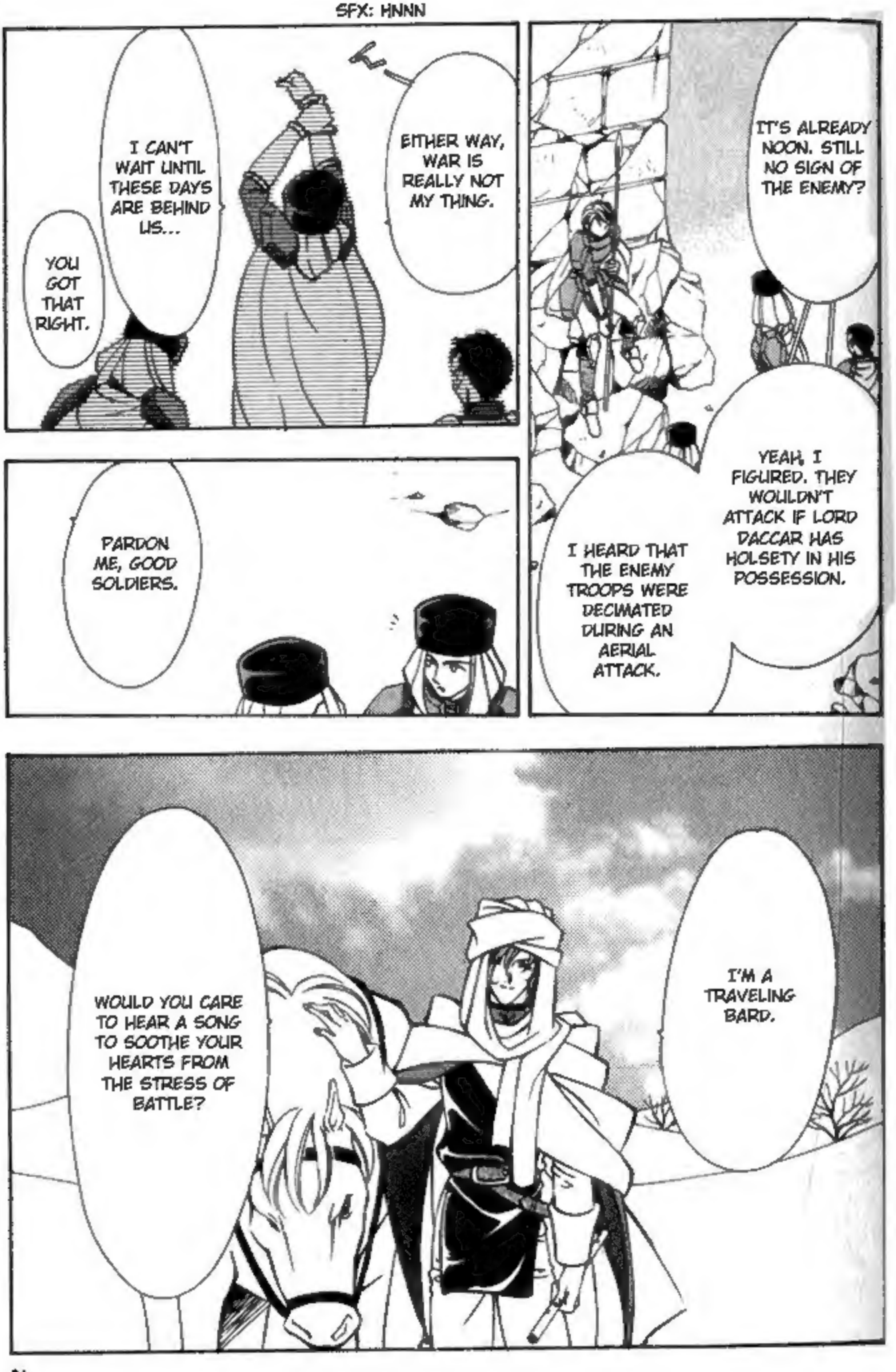
IS BECAUSE I KNOW FURY WILL NEVER ABANDON ME...

LEVIN, YOU IDIOT...!



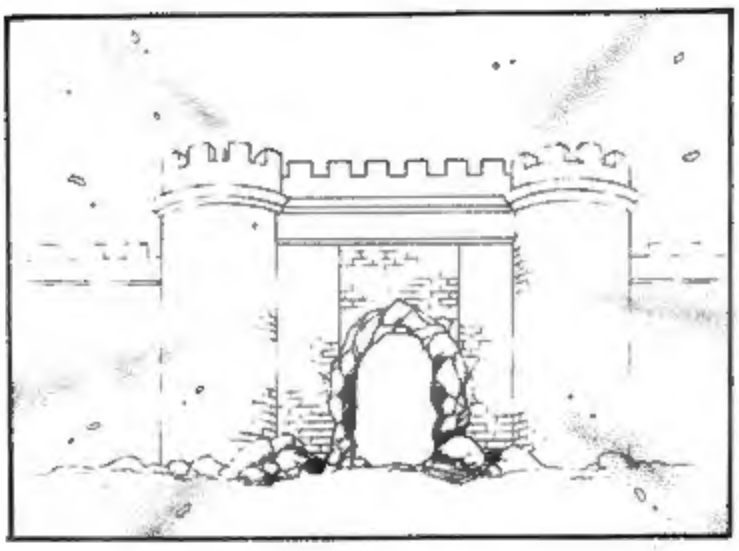


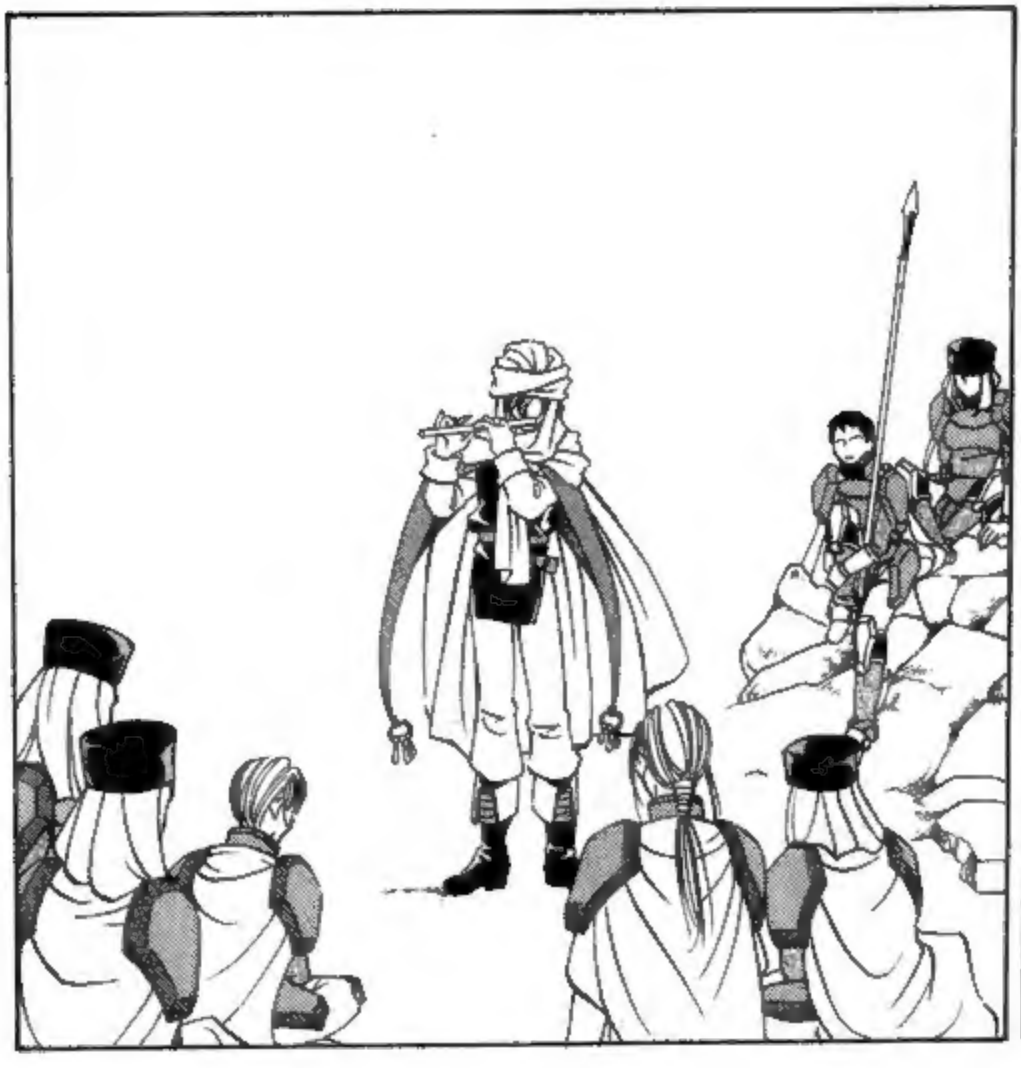
SFX: THUD THUD


SFX: HNNN
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THESE DAYS ARE BEHIND US...
EITHER WAY, WAR IS REALLY NOT MY THING.
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.
IT'S ALREADY NOON. STILL NO SIGN OF THE ENEMY?
YEAH, I FIGURED. THEY WOULDN'T ATTACK IF LORD DACCAR HAS HOLSETY IN HIS POSSESSION.
I HEARD THAT THE ENEMY TROOPS WERE DECIMATED DURING AN AERIAL ATTACK.
PARDON ME, GOOD SOLDIERS.
WOULD YOU CARE TO HEAR A SONG TO SOOTHE YOUR HEARTS FROM THE STRESS OF BATTLE?
I'M A TRAVELING BARD.

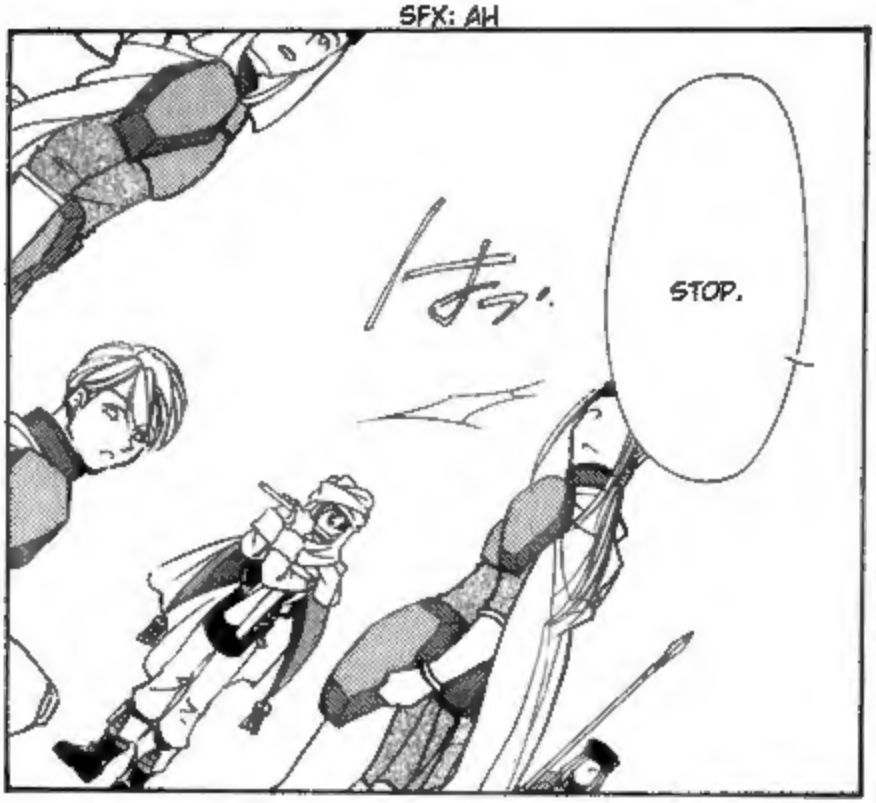
WE RESPECT THE DECISION THAT YOU MADE.
ABOUT THAT...
YOU MUST THINK...
THAT MY ACTIONS YESTERDAY WERE COMPLETELY UNCALLED FOR.
THE ENEMY... ISN'T COMING, ARE THEY?
SEEMS SO.
WHY? THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HOLD HOLSETY.
OUR PRIDE AND JOY COMES FROM FIGHTING ALONGSIDE YOU IN BATTLE.
I WASN'T FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. JUST TO FULFILL MY PERSONAL GRUDGE AND SELF-INTEREST.
ALL I WANTED WAS JUST A CHANCE TO BATTLE AGAINST MAHNYA... THAT'S IT...
IF IT WASN'T FOR PRIDE, I WOULDN'T EVEN BE FIGHTING IN THIS WAR.
LA... LADY PAMELA !?
PRIDE ...
I SEE.

SFX: FWOOM
HUH?
THIS BREEZE ...
BUT THE SNOW HASN'T EVEN FINISHED MELTING.





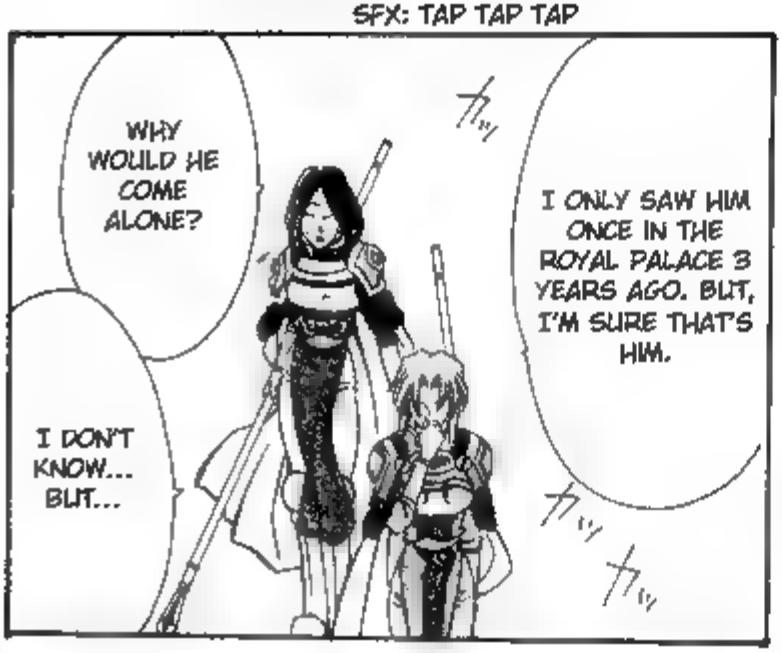
SFX: AH

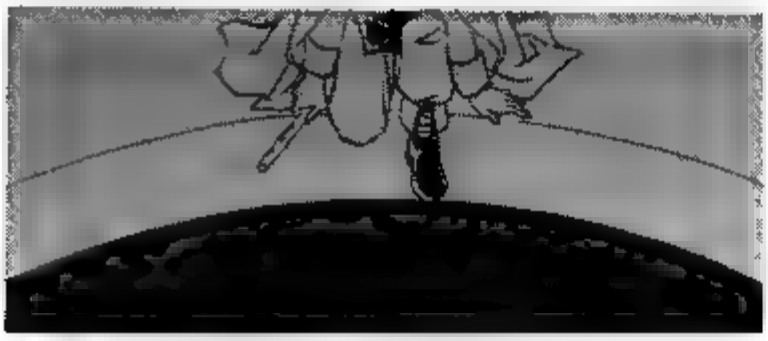


SFX: STOP

RETURN TO YOUR POSTS.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THE ENEMY WILL APPEAR.
YES ...!!
YOU'RE QUITE SKILLED ...
YOU THINK SO?
THEN, CAN I REQUEST SOMETHING OF YOU?
I REQUEST AN AUDIENCE WITH DUKE DACCAR.
I WOULD LIKE TO PLAY A TUNE FOR HIM.

SFX: TAP TAP TAP

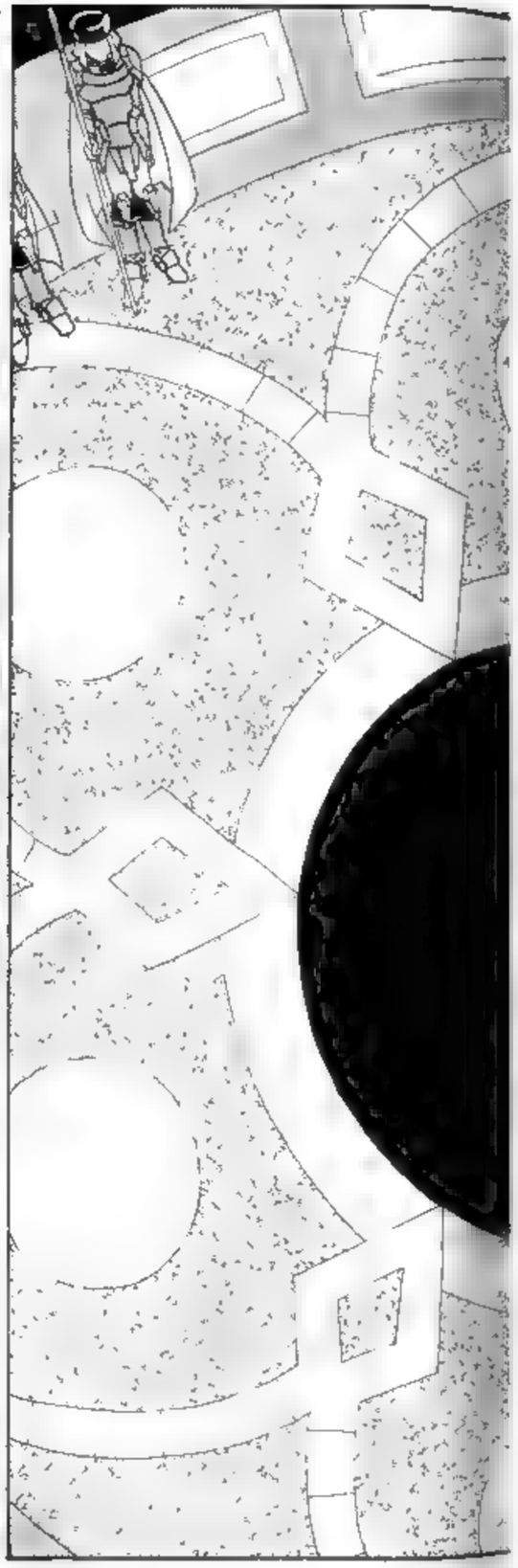


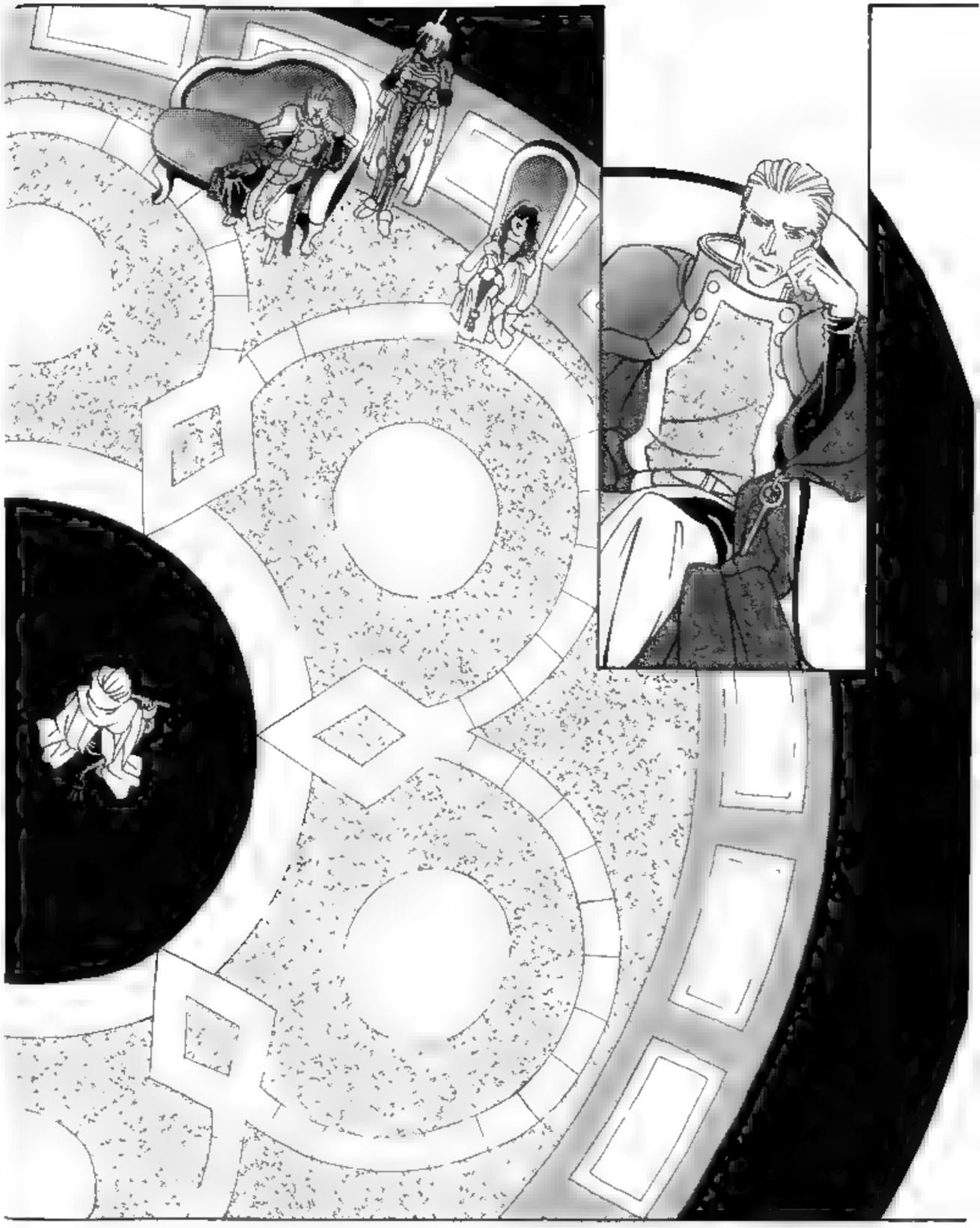


"IT'S PRINCE LEVIN! THERE IS NO MISTAKING HIM!"

HE STRESSED THAT POINT VERY HIGHLY.
IT WILL RAISE THE SPIRITS OF OUR TROOPS AT THE VERY LEAST.
YOU MUST BE JOKING!!
MEET A BARD IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES!?

LE...
LEVIN!?





YOU CAN HEAR IT TOO, CAN'T YOU?

Teehee

Tee hee

SFX: POP POP POP POP POP

YOU CAN HEAR IT.

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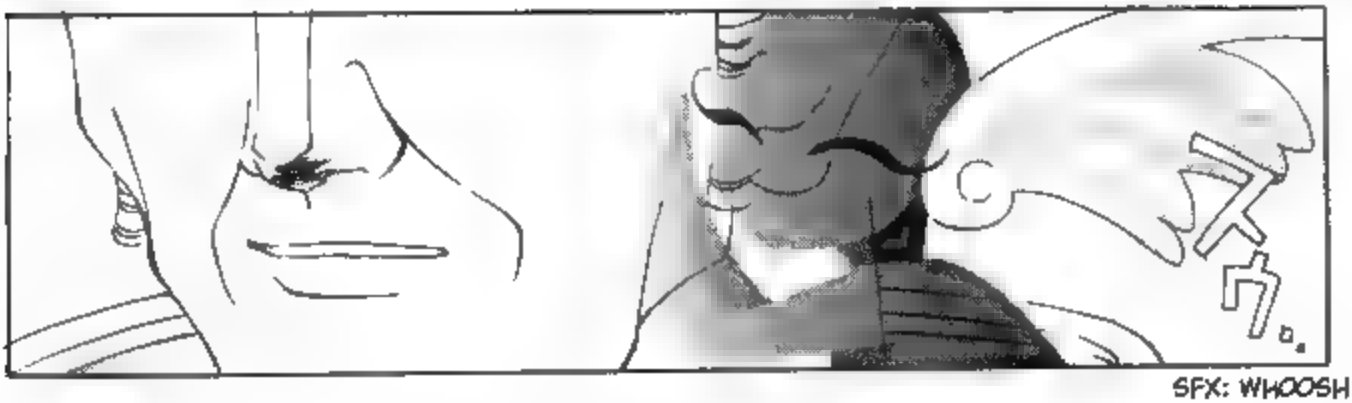
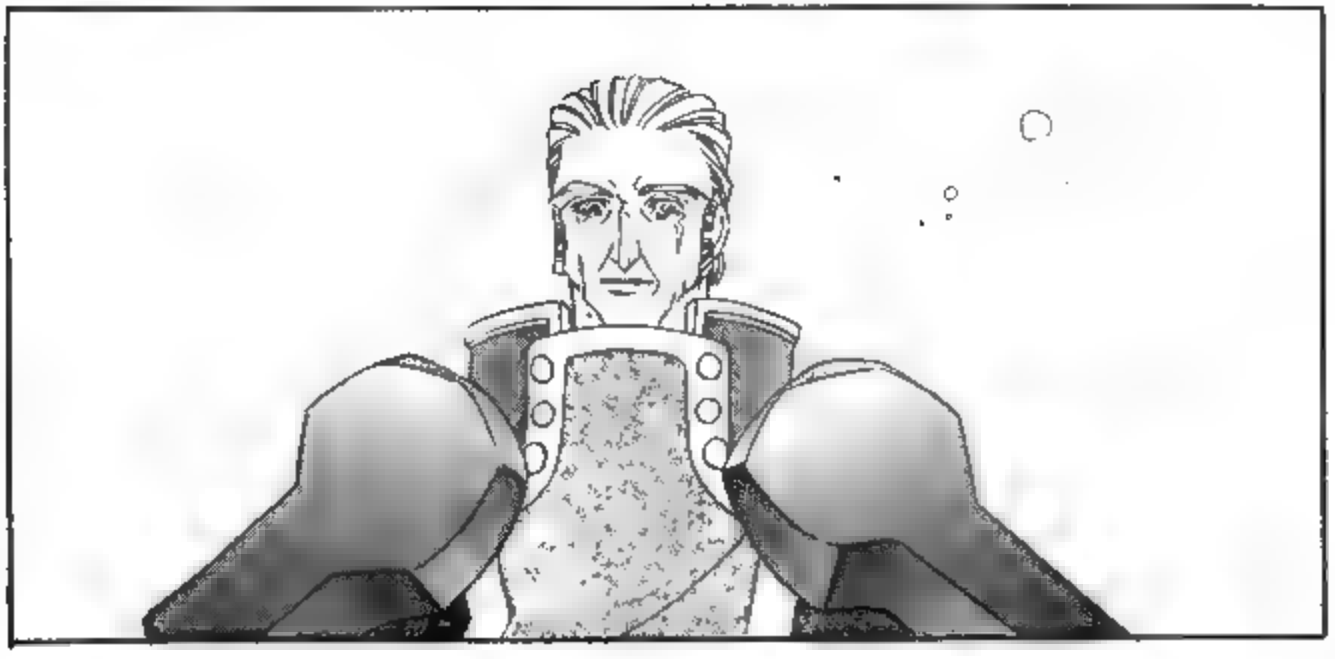


SFX: WHOOSH



CLIP
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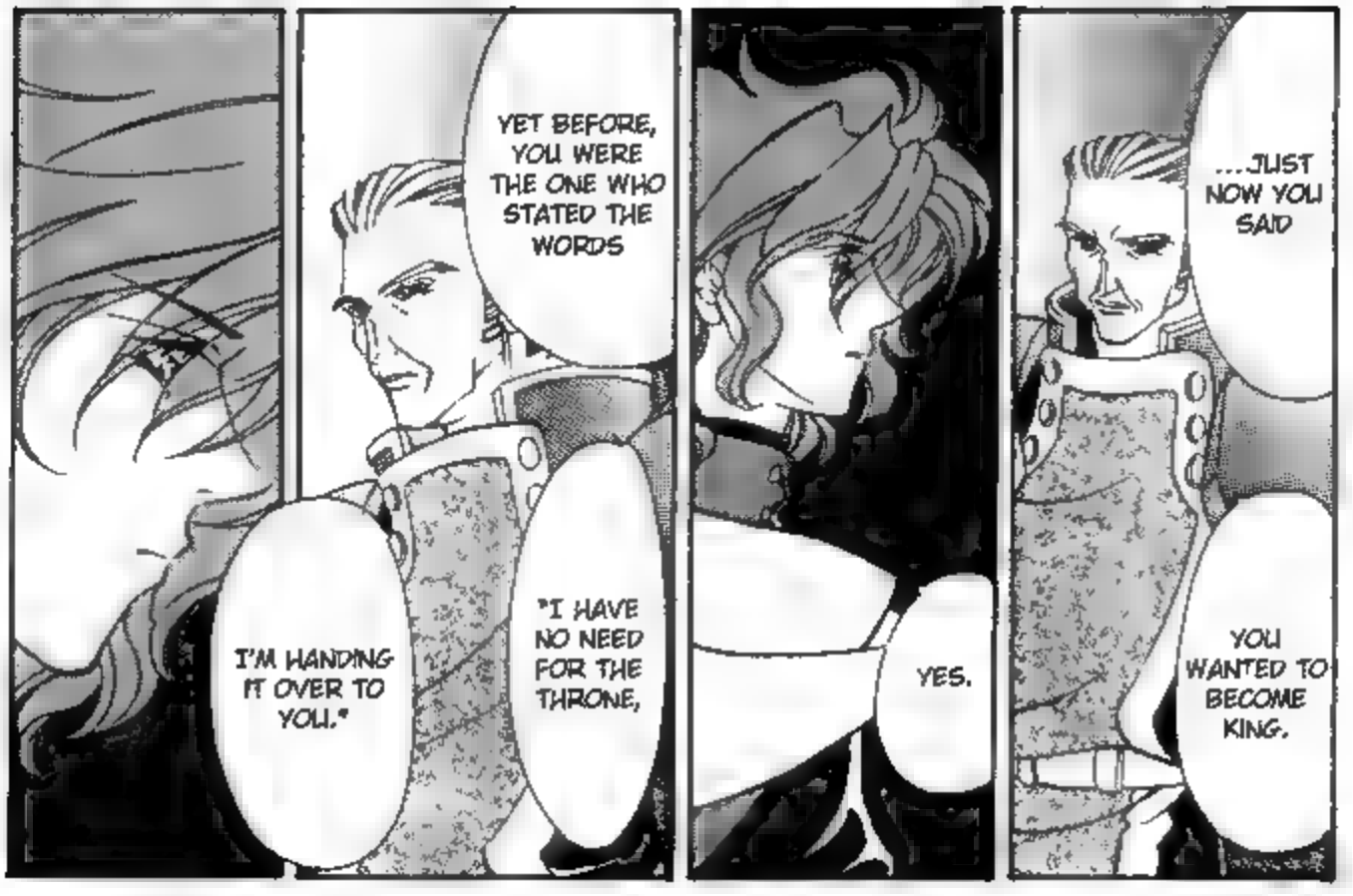
YOU MAY HAVE ANY REWARD YOU DESIRE.
THAT WAS A VERY ENTER-TAINING PERFOR-MANCE.
I HAVEN'T FELT SO MOVED IN A LONG TIME.
THEN...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

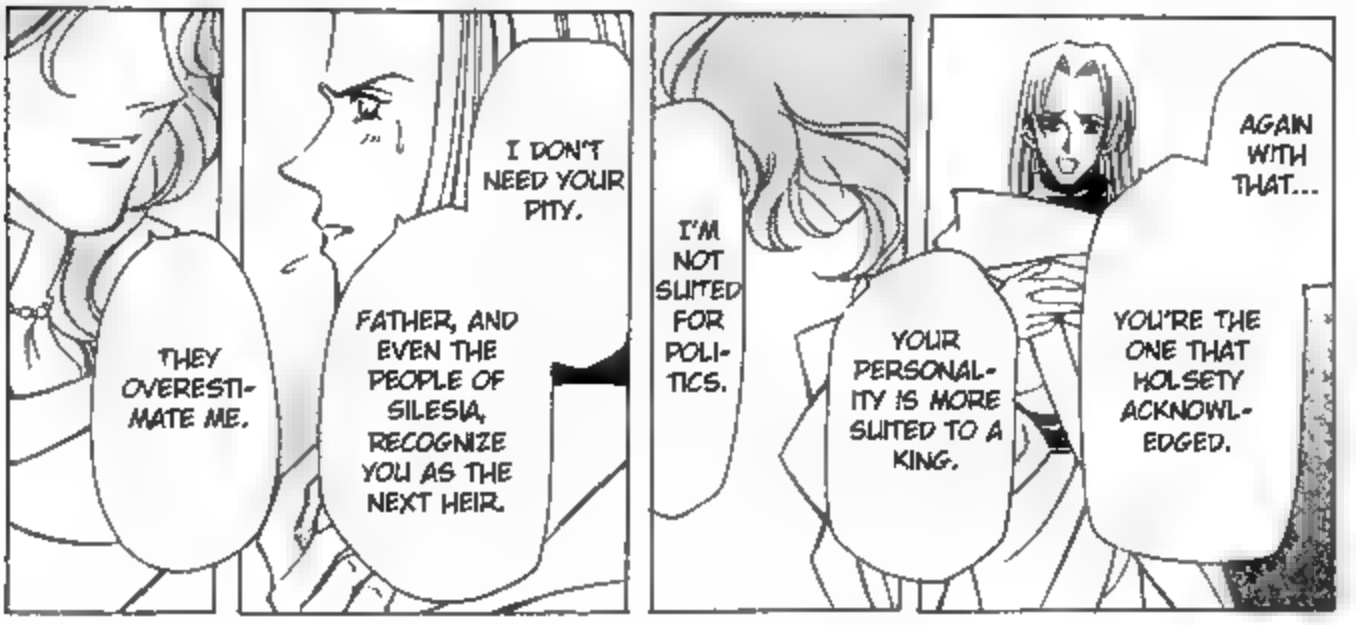
I HUMBLY REQUEST THAT YOU RECOGNIZE ME AS THE NEXT RULER OF THIS COUNTRY.

SFX: WSSHHH
IT'S FINE! STAY!
DACCAR..
YOU CAME HERE...BY YOURSELF?
CORRECT.
YOU...
LEVIN..
AND HOLSETY?
WHY HAVEN'T YOU USED IT...!?
WHAT!?
I ALREADY HAVE.

YOU WERE CRYING, WERE YOU NOT?
THOSE WERE TEARS...OF JOY.
THAT IS THE POWER OF HOLSETY.
IT'S NOT MERELY A WEAPON THAT CAN CREATE DESTRUCTIVE WINDS...
HOLSETY'S TRUE INTENTION..
IS TO SHOW PEOPLE THE TRUE BEAUTY OF THIS LAND.


YET BEFORE, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO STATED THE WORDS
"I HAVE NO NEED FOR THE THRONE,
I'M HANDING IT OVER TO YOU."
YES.
...JUST NOW YOU SAID
YOU WANTED TO BECOME KING.

"YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO TAKE OVER, DACCAR."
"I'VE NO INTEREST IN THE THRONE."
JUST LIKE BROTHER...

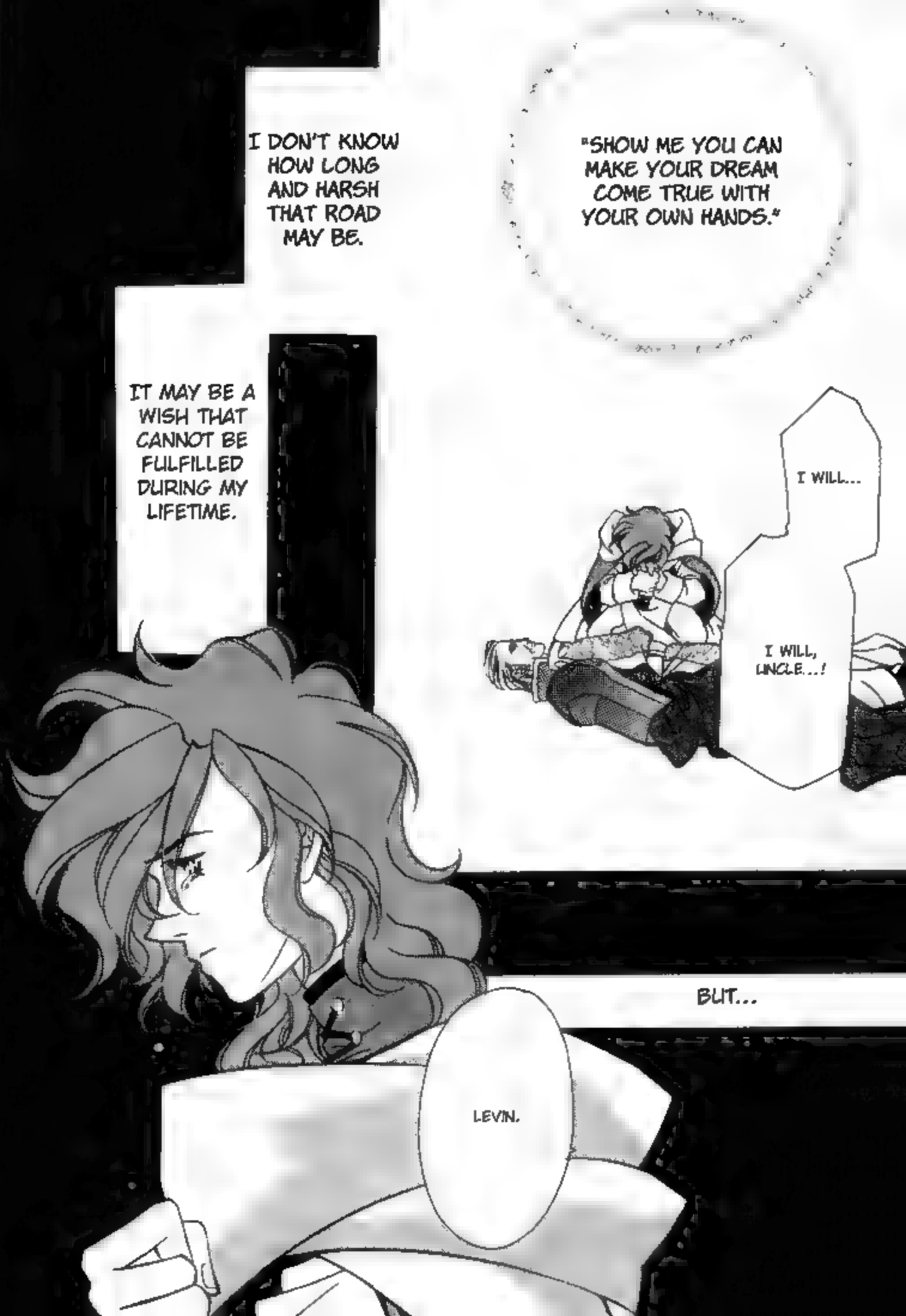

THEY OVERESTI-MATE ME.
I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY.
FATHER, AND EVEN THE PEOPLE OF SILESIA, RECOGNIZE YOU AS THE NEXT HEIR.
I'M NOT SUITED FOR POLI-TICS.
YOUR PERSONAL-ITY IS MORE SUITED TO A KING.
AGAIN WITH THAT...
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT HOLSETY ACKNOWL-EDGED.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT I'M INFERIOR TO YOU?
THAT I HAVE TO PROVE MY WORTH TO YOU...!?
IT SHOULD BE SOMEONE WHO ACTUALLY WANTS IT.
BROTHER ...!!
THAT'S NOT KINDNESS ..THAT'S ARRO-GANCE!!
THE THRONE IS NOT JUST SOME CONSOLATION PRIZE TO BE HANDED OUT!
I WAS SUPPOSED TO BECOME BROTHER'S RIGHT HAND MAN.
AND TOGETHER WE WOULD LEAD THIS COUNTRY INTO A GREAT AND PROSPEROUS ERA..
EVERYTHING I DESIRED...
EVERYTHING I DID...BROTHER WOULD ALWAYS LOOK DOWN ON THEM WITH CONTEMPT.
HE WOULD ALWAYS TELL ME
THAT HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE DOING GOOD THINGS BUT HE WOULD ALWAYS END UP HURTING PEOPLE DEAR TO HIM.
DACCAR, HE WAS REFERRING TO YOU, WASN'T HE?

BUT, I UNDERSTAND BETTER NOW.
THE KING IS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED TO FIGHT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE THINGS HE CHERISHES THE MOST.
UNCLE...I WAS A FOOLISH PERSON BEFORE.
I BELIEVED THAT THE THRONE WAS A JUST A SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY.
I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, IF A CIVIL WAR WILL OCCUR FROM MY ASCENSION, THEN I SHOULD JUST RELINQUISH THE CROWN TO PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING.
I SEE...
I SHALL BECOME KING.
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE WARM HEARTS
OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY,

WHA...!?
SFX: STAB
UNCLE !?
SFX: ...!!

AND...IF I DIE...
HIS ACTIONS...ARE ALL BECAUSE OF MY INFLUENCE.
MUCH OF THE ANGER DIRECTED TOWARDS MAIOS WILL DISSIPATE...
THIS IS MY THANKS FOR THAT...
YOU... SAVED ME.
WHY DID YOU...?
IF A KING WERE TO ALLOW A PERSON LIKE ME TO LIVE, THERE WILL BE MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL HOLD A GRUDGE.
YET, I...HAVE PUT SO MANY CIVILIANS UNDER GREAT HARDSHIP.
KNOWING HOW YOU ARE, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE PUNISHED ME.
SHOW ME...MAKE... YOUR DREAM... YOUR OWN HANDS...
WITH YOU AS KING...I KNOW SOMEDAY THE CURRENT REALITY WILL BE OVERTHROWN...
UNCLE ...
THERE ARE MANY UNSIGHTLY THINGS THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO FACE...THAT'S WHY ..
LISTEN TO ME...GOVERNING A COUNTRY IS NOT ALWAYS PLEASANT.


I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG AND HARSH THAT ROAD MAY BE.
"SHOW ME YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE WITH YOUR OWN HANDS."
IT MAY BE A WISH THAT CANNOT BE FULFILLED DURING MY LIFETIME.
I WILL...
I WILL, UNCLE...!
BUT...
LEVIN.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MAHNYA'S BODY.
EH...?
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
I KNOW.
ONE MORE THING... MAHNYA, SHE...
YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY ANYMORE.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF YOU AS A CHILD...
MOTHER...I'M SO GLAD YOU ARE SAFE.
NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK OF YOU.
PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDENESS EARLIER.
PAMELA IS MY NAME.
YOU...
UNTIL THAT TIME COMES, SHE WANTS YOU TO HONE YOUR SKILLS.
WHEN I ENTRUSTED MYSELF TO HOLSETY, MAHYNA'S THOUGHTS CAME WHISPERING TO ME IN THE WIND.
SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE WILL MEET YOU IN HEAVEN SOMEDAY.

YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROTECT THE ONES YOU LOVE IN WAYS OTHER THAN FIGHTING, SOMETHING I LACK.

ALL IT TAKES IS A LITTLE COMMUNICATION WITH THE WIND AND YOU CAN PROTECT EVERYONE.

YET, IF CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATED IT, YOU ARE WILLING TO TURN INTO A FIERCE GOD IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE.

MY PRECIOUS PRINCE...

PRINCE LEVIN, DID YOU KNOW?

I THINK I'VE ALWAYS BEEN JEALOUS OF YOU.

THEN, PRINCE.

...NO, YOUR MAJESTY.

UNTIL THAT TIME COMES, I HEREBY

PLEDGE MY LOYALTY TO YOU.

I CAN'T PROTECT A PERSON WITHOUT SHEDDING THE BLOOD OF ANOTHER.
I ENVY YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE PREPARED TO GIVE THEIR LIVES FIGHTING...
THAT I WAS ABLE TO DO IT MY WAY.
CHEERS
CHEERS
SHE'S RIGHT.
CHEERS
I UNDERSTAND HOW SHE FEELS.
PRINCE LEVIN.
AND I GUESS I OWE YOU THIS TIME.
...SOMEHOW, HEARING A SINCERE THANKS FROM YOU...IS KIND OF CREEPY.
THANKS.

GO COMFORT HER.
SHE'S YOUR DEAREST CHILDHOOD FRIEND, NO?
Heal Heal
WHERE DID THE "DEAREST" PART COME FROM?
...JUST GET OUT OF HERE. YOU'RE MAKING ME UNCOMFORTABLE.

"PLEASE BELIEVE IN THE ONES...

WHO BELIEVE IN YOU."

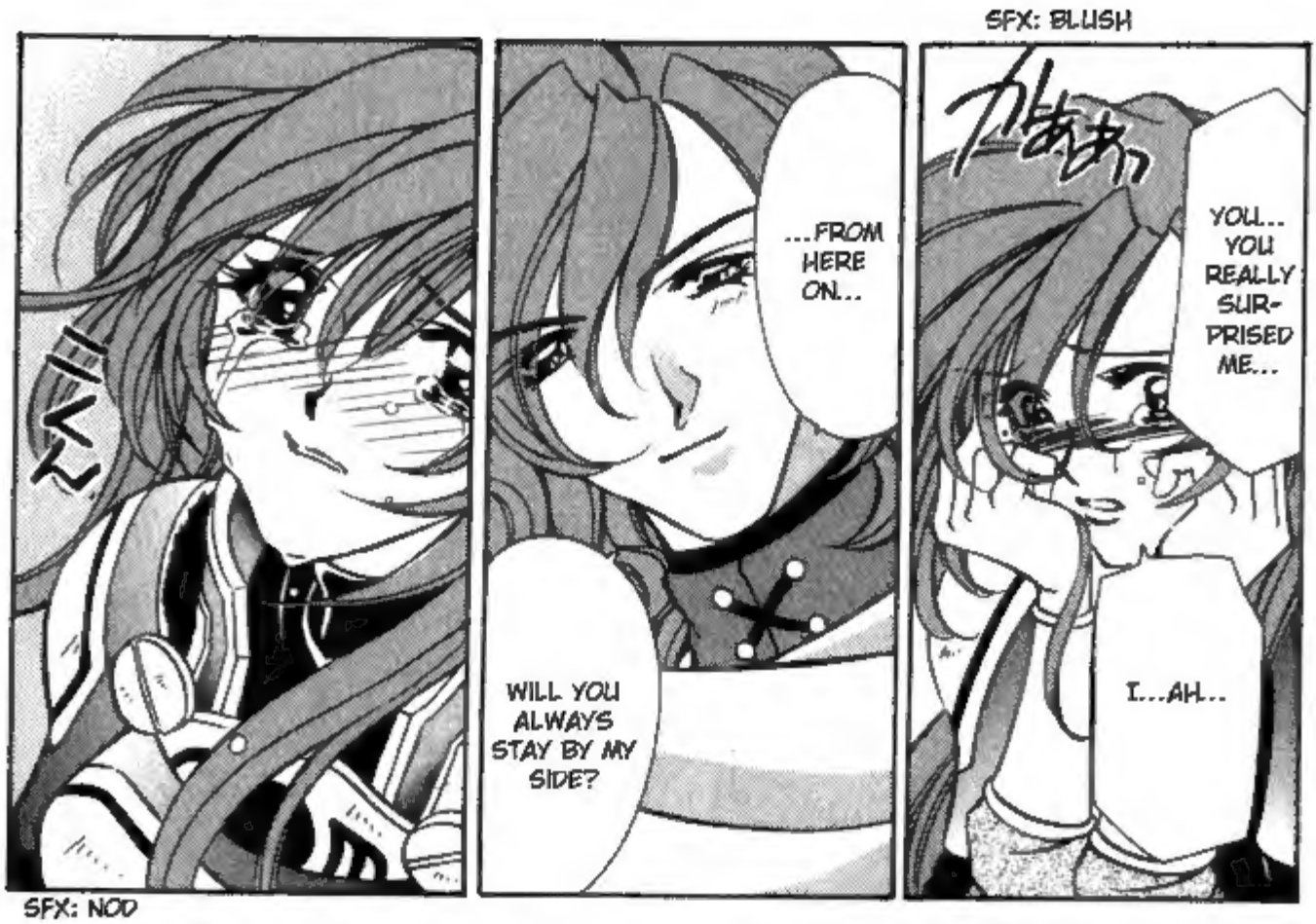
YOU CAN CRY IT ALL OUT. IT'S OKAY NOW.

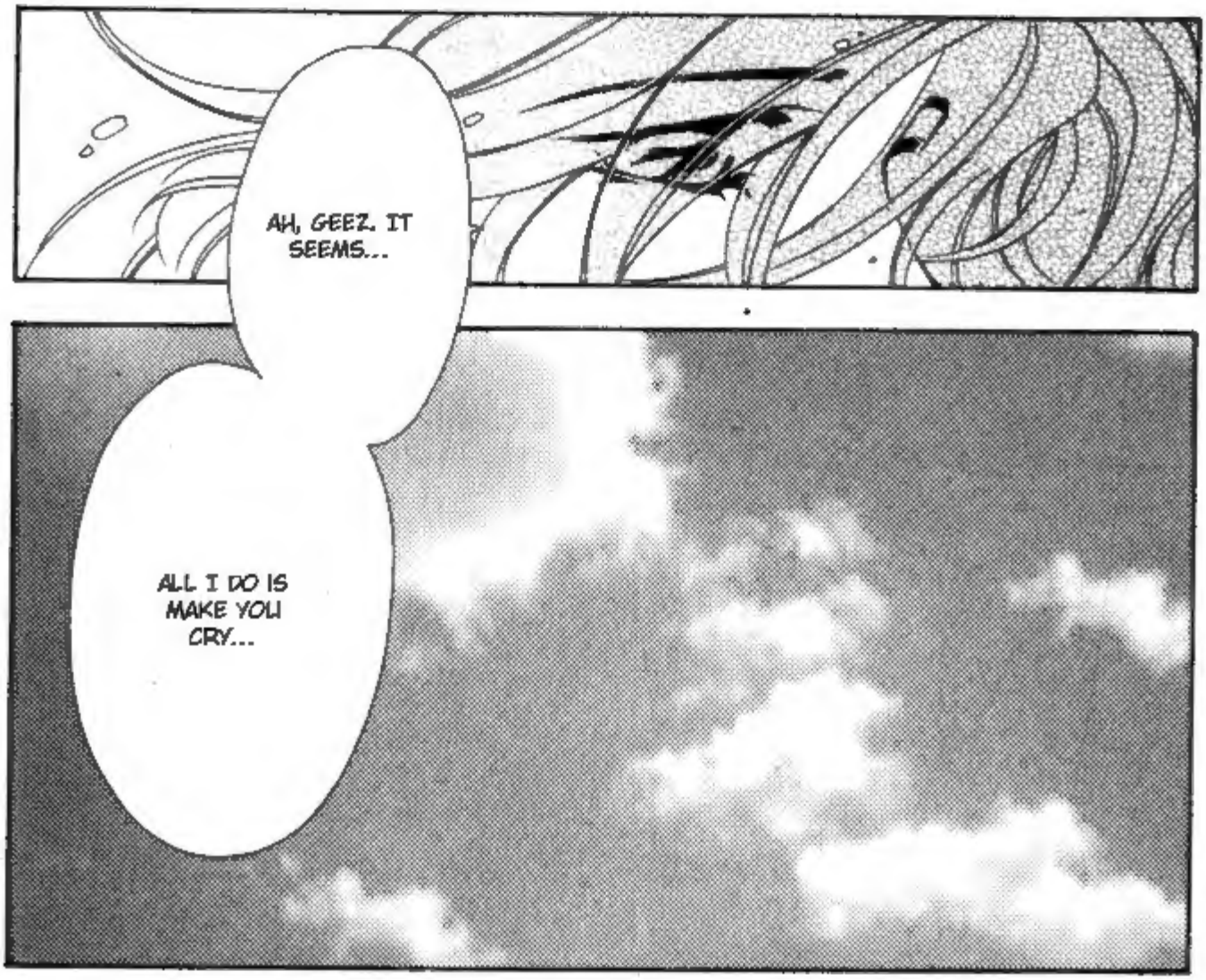
AT THAT TIME, IF YOU HADN'T SMILED LIKE THAT TO ME, WHEN YOU WERE IN FACT HIDING SO MUCH PAIN INSIDE,

I WOULD HAVE BEEN CURSING MYSELF THIS WHOLE TIME.

...EH?

I GUESS THIS IS WHAT SOME WOULD CALL THE SPECIAL KIND OF "LIKE"...
EVER SINCE THEN, I JUST WANTED TO HOLD YOU LIKE THIS.
I WOULD HAVE PROBABLY USED HOLSETY'S POWER ONLY TO DESTROY,
TO EXPRESS ALL THE ANGER I FELT WHEN I HEARD ABOUT MAHYNA'S DEATH.
AND I WOULD'VE COVERED MY EARS FROM THE WHISPERS OF THE WIND...
I LOVE YOU...I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO IF I LOST YOU...
...HEY!!
DON'T JUST STAY SILENT! SAY SOMETHING!
AH ...!!


SFX: BLUSH
YOU... YOU REALLY SUR-PRISED ME...
I...AH...
...FROM HERE ON...
WILL YOU ALWAYS STAY BY MY SIDE?
SFX: NOD


AH, GEEZ. IT SEEMS...
ALL I DO IS MAKE YOU CRY...

COMMENT

INFORMATION

HOLSETYSCANS:

TRANSLATION: TOMOYO
CLEANING: LIGHTSNAKE
TYPESETTING: TOMOYO
SCANNING: AQUANTIS
PROOFREADER: TRIMURTI
MINOR CORRECTIONS/QC: AQUANTIS, VINCENTASM

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